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Applicant:

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Examiner:

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Title:

METHOD FOR FORWARDING MULTICAST MESSAGE IN NETWORK

COMMUNICATION

PETITION TO RESET A PERIOD FOR REPLY DUE TO LATE RECEIPT OF AN OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to MPEP 710.06, Applicant respectfully requests that the period for reply to the Final Rejection be reset to June 3, 2008, due to late receipt of the Final Rejection.

Due to reasons not caused by the Applicant or his representatives, communications, including Office Actions, from the Office have been consistently mailed to a wrong party, thereby causing undue delays of Applicant's receipt of those communications. Applicant has requested that the period for reply to the Final Rejection be reset in the Amendment filed on April 3, 2008 and filed a new Change of Correspondence Address concurrently therewith. Applicant hereby renews the request for resetting the period for reply light of the following facts:

(1) On 21 November 2006, Applicant filed a "Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address" with the USPTO. The filing specified that Merchant & Gould patent attorneys were to have the power of attorney and the correspondence address was to be changed to Merchant & Gould.

(2) On 05 December 2006, Merchant & Gould was granted the power of attorney as requested.

(3) On 26 April 2007, an office action was issued, but mailed to an

Atochem Patent Department in France.

(4) On 30 May 2007, Applicant sent a Communication to the USPTO, alerting it of the erroneous mailing of the office action and referring them to the

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power of attorney grant, which had the correct address.

(5) Despite the above, the pending Final Rejection was again mailed to

Atochem Patent Department. As a result, Applicant did not become aware of the

existence of the pending Final Rejection, which was mailed on January 3, 2008,

until about March 13, 2008, more than two months after the mailing date of the

Final Rejection.

(6) Applicant filed an Amendment in response to the Final Rejection on

April 3, 2008. The Examiner issued the Advisory Action on April 10, 2008, but

the Advisory Action was again mailed to Atochem Patent Department. Applicant

did not become aware of the Advisory Action until May 1, 2008.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the period for reply to

the Final Rejection be reset to expire no earlier than June 3, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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